



Dunseith Land Port of Entry Expansion and Modernization Project

Environmental Assessment Virtual Public Scoping Meeting

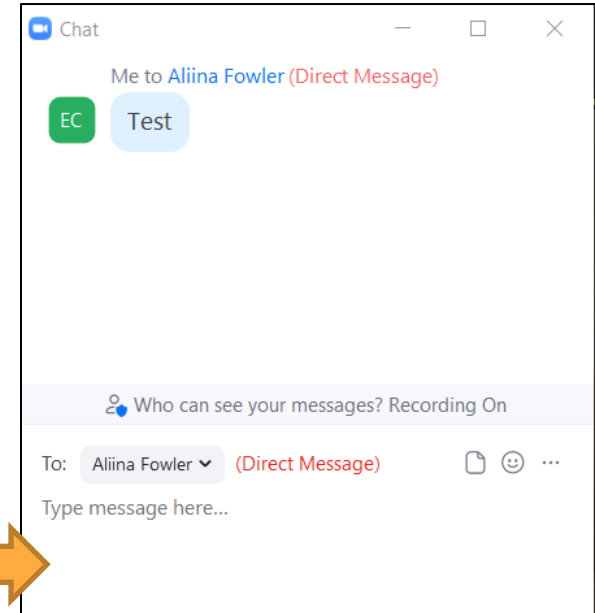
June 13, 2022





Meeting Format and Ground Rules

- All participants will remain muted during the presentation and question and answer session.
- At the end of the General Services Administration (GSA) presentation, there will be an opportunity for comments and questions in the chat room.
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- Captions will be activated during this presentation.
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Note: The meeting is being recorded and a transcript will be included in the Project Record

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Introductions

GSA

- Derrick W. Rosenbach, AICP, NEPA Compliance Specialist
- Bryan Zach, Region 8 Design and Construction Project Manager
- Andrea Collins, Region 8 Historic Preservation Officer

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

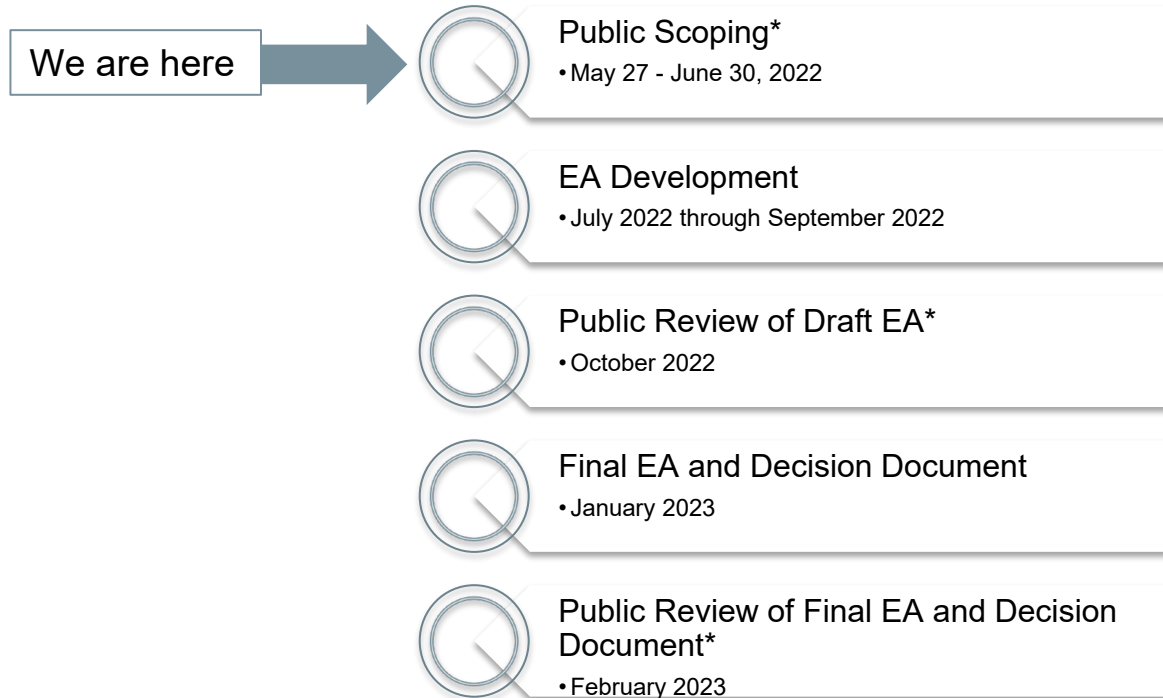
- Scott Kauffman, CBP Management and Program Analyst

ERO Resources Corporation

- Nicole DenHerder-Bauman, Consulting NEPA Specialist



NEPA Project Schedule



*Indicates opportunity for public participation.



Purpose of this Public Scoping Meeting

- Describe the NEPA process as it relates to the Proposed Project.
- Describe the purpose of the public scoping process.
- Provide an opportunity for public involvement and input early in the NEPA process.



NEPA Overview

- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was created to ensure federal agencies consider the environmental impacts of their actions and decisions prior to taking action.
- Agencies are required to provide meaningful opportunities for public participation during the NEPA process. Key opportunities for citizens to get involved in the NEPA process include:
 - When an agency begins the scoping process to identify the issues associated with a proposed action
 - When a NEPA document is published for public review and comment



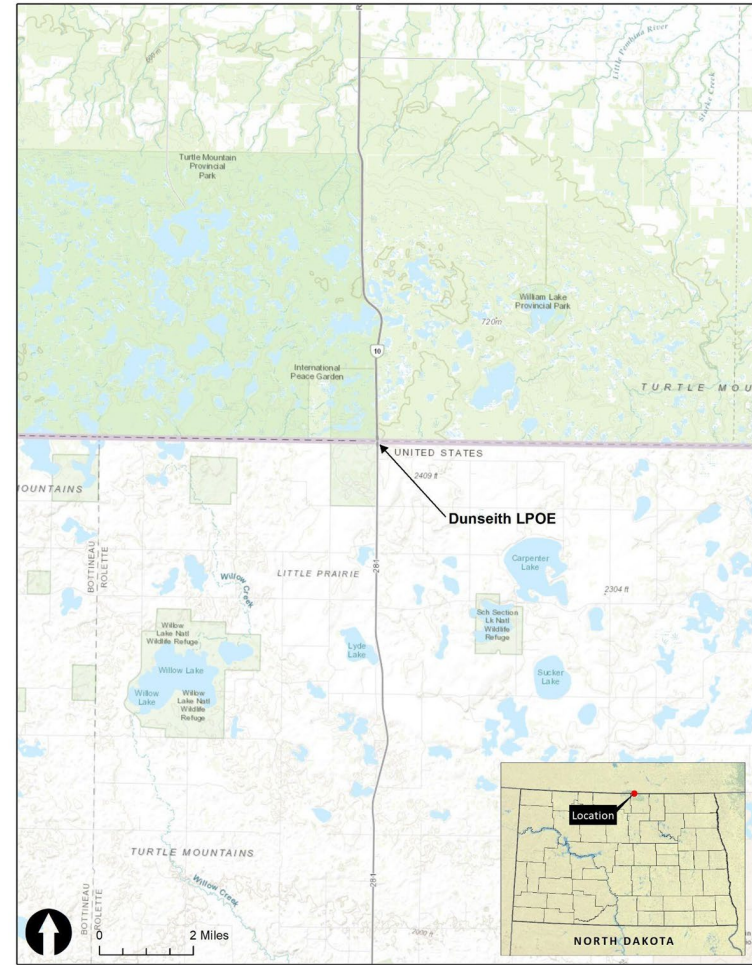
Other Applicable Regulations

- NHPA
 - Section 106 of the NHPA requires GSA to consider potential impacts on cultural and historic properties from their actions, including consultation with the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and interested tribes.
- Endangered Species Act (ESA)
 - Section 7 of the ESA requires GSA to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that any action they authorize, fund, or carry out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat.

(Note that other laws and regulations may apply.)

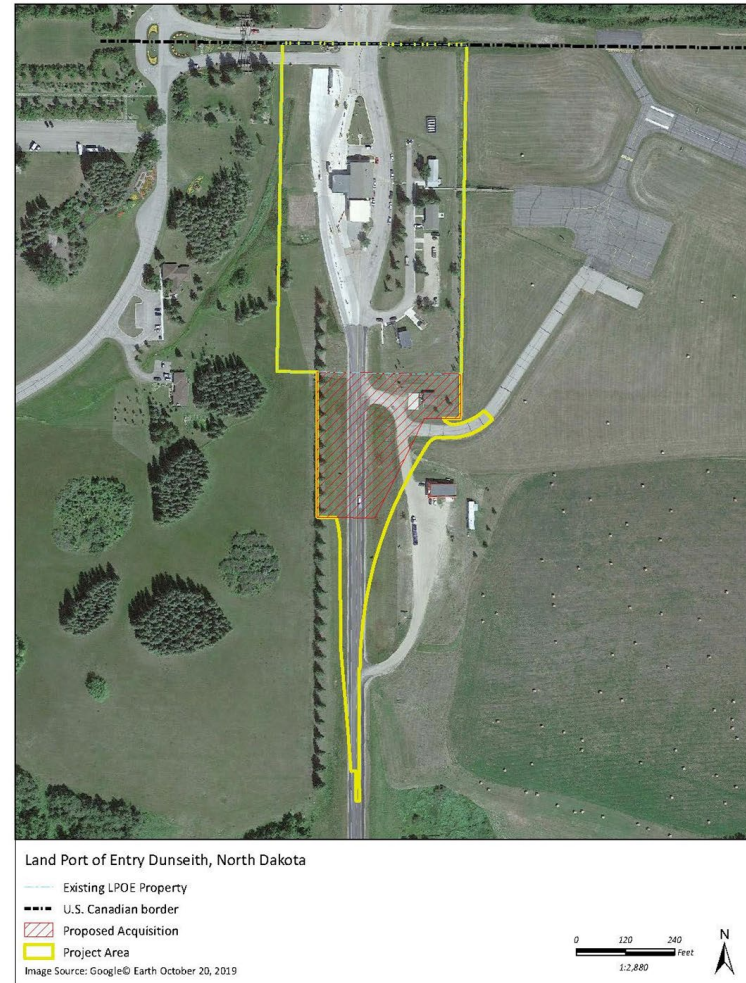
Project Overview

- GSA Region 8 is preparing a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Dunseith Land Port of Entry (LPOE) project in compliance with NEPA and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and other applicable laws and regulations.
- The LPOE is located on U.S. Route 281, approximately 12 miles north of the town of Dunseith, North Dakota.



Purpose and Need

- The purpose of the project is to modernize and expand the LPOE.
- The project is needed to address space constraints, inefficient traffic flows, and increasing traffic and inspection demands.
- The LPOE facilities were constructed in the 1960s, are too small, and are served by an inefficient road design.



Alternatives





Proposed Project Alternatives

- A feasibility study for this project was completed in 2019.
- Several action alternatives were identified in the feasibility study.
- An interdisciplinary team familiar with the issues and affected resources at the LPOE have preliminarily explored three conceptual alternatives:
 - Alternative A: Proposed Action
 - Alternative B: Construct Smaller or Fewer Facilities (reduce the project area)
 - Alternative C: No Action



Proposed Project Alternatives

- Alternative A: Proposed Action
 - Disposal of the existing LPOE main building, primary inspection canopy, and auxiliary buildings
 - Realignment of the primary inspection lanes, relocation of an inspection trailer, and rearrangement of commercial vehicle staging areas
 - Land acquisition (2.31 acres) to accommodate site expansion



Proposed Project Alternatives

- Alternative A: Proposed Action (Continued)
 - Construction of a new main building, primary inspection canopy, noncommercial secondary inspection canopy, and hard inspection building adjacent to the main building
 - Construction of four new primary inspection lanes (three of which would be covered)
 - Construction of a new commercial secondary inspection dock and facility



Proposed Project Alternatives

- Alternative B: Construct smaller or fewer facilities
 - Construct smaller facilities or fewer new facilities, to include:
 - Renovation and reuse of the existing LPOE main building
 - Construction of a new main building attached or adjacent to existing main building
 - Construction of four new primary inspection lanes (three covered)
 - Construction of a new non-commercial secondary inspection canopy and hard inspection building



Proposed Project Alternatives

- Alternative C: No Action
 - No improvements or disposals would occur
 - LPOE facilities and property would remain the same

Affected Environment And Environmental Consequences





Preliminary Resources to be Evaluated in the EA

- Geology, Topography, and Soils
- Vegetation and Wildlife
- Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species
- Visual Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Air Quality and Climate Change
- Land Use Planning and Zoning
- Environmental Justice
- Environmental Contamination and Waste Management
- Safety and Security
- Traffic and Transportation
- Utilities



Submitting Public Comments

Comment Period ends **June 30, 2022**

Please submit your comments to:

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Questions and Answer Session

- Please post questions in the chat box to Aliina Fowler and a GSA representative will respond.
- GSA staff will respond orally to questions in the order they are received.
- GSA will not be responding to technical questions during today's virtual scoping meeting. All questions and comments will be included in the project record.
- GSA will clarify anything presented in this presentation relating to the project, the NEPA process or opportunities for public participation.
- Please respect others and their opinions.

